

Despite his fledgling professional baseball career, Bobby Thomson left the Giants in 1943 to enlist in the Army Air Corps and trained as a bombardier in Victorville, California, and served until 1945. After leaving the Army Air Corps he rejoined the New York Giants and became a starter by 1947. He played with the Giants through 1953 with a batting average of .279 and an average of 25 home runs and 94 runs batted in (RBI) each season. He had a career-best season in 1949 with a .309 batting average, 27 home runs, and 109 RBI.

On October 3, 1951, Bobby Thomson hit what became known as "The Shot Heard 'Round the World." It was in the bottom of the ninth inning in the deciding game of a playoff for the National League pennant. The New York Giants were trailing the Brooklyn Dodgers two runs to four and there were runners on second and third. Thomson stepped up and proceeded to knock Dodger pitcher Ralph Branca's second pitch down the left-field line and over the fence for a game- and pennant-winning three run home run. The "Shot Heard 'Round the World" was so spectacular that it caused WMCA-AM broadcaster Russ Hodges to famously exclaim, "The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant! Bobby Thomson hits into the lower deck of the left-field stands! The Giants win the pennant and they're goin' crazy, they're goin' crazy!"

Forever the humble hardworker, Bobby Thomson continued his baseball career through 1963 and thereafter worked as a sales executive in order to, in his own words, "stay home more with my wife and daughter and live a normal life." His integrity, work ethic, and positive outlook helped him excel in private business and led him to become involved in nonprofit foundations, such as New Jersey Arthritis Foundation, Tomorrow's Children Fund, and the Optimist Club. In 2006, he moved to Savannah, Georgia, to be closer to his daughter and he quickly made friends in the community due to his warm demeanor and he continued to live the life of a humble living legend, father, uncle, and grandfather.

After a long and fruitful life, Bobby Thomson passed away during the evening of August 16, 2010, in his Skidaway Island home in Savannah at the age of 86.

We commend Bobby Thomson on his outstanding baseball career and his famous three run home run known as the "Shot Heard 'Round the World" and express admiration for the devotion of Bobby Thomson to various charities and nonprofit foundations after his retirement from baseball.

IN RECOGNITION OF CONNIE CORVELO

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2011

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize a faithful and tireless volunteer in the Atwater community, Connie Corvelo.

Connie grew up in the Visalia area on her family dairy in Goshen where her parents, Joseph Pereira and Balvina Orique Pereira, were dairy farmers dating back to 1935. Connie's

father immigrated to the United States from the Azores Islands and her mother was born in California. She attended schools in Goshen and graduated from Mt. Whitney High School in Visalia in 1955.

Connie married her loving husband George Corvelo in 1988. George farmed and Connie worked for the Merced Sun Star as an Administrative Assistant to the General Manager for 10 years. Connie and George purchased "Out to Lunch" in 1993 and started a catering business. As Atwater Chamber members, Connie and George have catered meals for organizations, reunions, birthdays and many other events. Connie and George retired from the restaurant business in 2000 but have continued their catering company to this day. Their catering company was named Business of the Year in 2004–2005 by the Atwater Chamber of Commerce.

Shortly thereafter, Connie embarked on a cookbook writing adventure. Her first cookbook, titled *My Portuguese Mother's Kitchen*, was published in 2010. Her second cookbook, *Out to Lunch: Memories and Recipes*, has recently been released.

Connie is an active member of the Atwater community. George and Connie have been members of the Atwater-Winton Lions club for many years. In 2006, as a member of the Atwater Women's Club, Connie volunteered to share her prized chicken salad recipe and expertise as a fundraiser for the restoration of the clubhouse and yard. Within a few years, this spirit of volunteerism has spread throughout the community and the historic building has been painted, fenced, landscaped, air conditioned and much more. Connie and George continue to help with the salad event twice a year. It is this selfless volunteerism that has earned Connie the Atwater Women's Club Volunteer of the Year Award.

Connie has three children whom she adores spending time with. Her son, Dr. Jon Nunes, is a scientist with Roche and is married to Kelly Tanner Nunes. They have two daughters, Jordan and Julie. Connie's daughter, Annemarie Nunes Cousino, lives with her husband Richard "Rick" Cousino in Maryland. Rick recently retired from the United States Air Force after serving as Crew Chief for many years on Air Force One. They have two children, Gabrielle and Zachary. Connie's third child, Allison Nunes, is a meeting and event planner for an international company in Phoenix.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me, and the Atwater Women's Club, in honoring a truly wonderful member of the Atwater community, Connie Corvelo.

ARTICLE OF CHINESE TELECOM FIRM HUAWEI'S ROLE IN ENABLING IRAN'S STATE SECURITY NETWORK

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit an October 27 Wall Street Journal article that summarizes Chinese telecom firm Huawei's role in enabling Iran's state security network. At the same time that the U.S. and its allies are increasing efforts to support pro-democracy and

human rights activists, Huawei is empowering the Iranian regime to suppress these groups.

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CHINESE TECH GIANT AIDS IRAN

(By Steve Stecklow, Farnaz Fassihi and Loretta Chao)

When Western companies pulled back from Iran after the government's bloody crackdown on its citizens two years ago, a Chinese telecom giant filled the vacuum.

Huawei Technologies Co. now dominates Iran's government-controlled mobile-phone industry. In doing so, it plays a role in enabling Iran's state security network.

Huawei recently signed a contract to install equipment for a system at Iran's largest mobile-phone operator that allows police to track people based on the locations of their cellphones, according to interviews with telecom employees both in Iran and abroad, and corporate bidding documents reviewed by The Wall Street Journal. It also has provided support for similar services at Iran's second-largest mobile-phone provider. Huawei notes that nearly all countries require police access to cell networks, including the U.S.

Huawei's role in Iran demonstrates the ease with which countries can obtain foreign technology that can be used to stifle dissent through censorship or surveillance. Many of the technologies Huawei supports in Iran—such as location services—are available on Western networks as well. The difference is that, in the hands of repressive regimes, it can be a critical tool in helping to quash dissent.

Last year, Egyptian state security intercepted conversations among pro-democracy activists over Skype using a system provided by a British company. In Libya, agents working for Moammar Gadhafi spied on emails and chat messages using technology from a French firm. Unlike in Egypt and Libya, where the governments this year were overthrown, Iran's sophisticated spying network remains intact.

In Iran, three student activists described in interviews being arrested shortly after turning on their phones. Iran's government didn't respond to requests for comment.

Iran beefed up surveillance of its citizens after a controversial 2009 election spawned the nation's broadest antigovernment uprising in decades. Authorities launched a major crackdown on personal freedom and dissent. More than 6,000 people have been arrested and hundreds remain in jail, according to Iranian human-rights organizations.

This year Huawei made a pitch to Iranian government officials to sell equipment for a mobile news service on Iran's second-largest mobile-phone operator, MTN Irancell. According to a person who attended the meeting, Huawei representatives emphasized that, being from China, they had expertise censoring the news.

The company won the contract and the operator rolled out the service, according to this person. MTN Irancell made no reference to censorship in its announcement about its "mobile newspaper" service. But Iran routinely censors the Internet using sophisticated filtering technology. The Journal reported in June that Iran was planning to create its own domestic Internet to combat Western ideas, culture and influence.

In winning Iranian contracts, Huawei has sometimes partnered with Zaeim Electronic Industries Co., an Iranian electronics firm whose website says its clients include the intelligence and defense ministries, as well as the country's elite special-forces unit, the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps. This month the U.S. accused a branch of the Revolutionary Guards of plotting to kill Saudi